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TO: House Committee on Finance

FROM: Joan Ramos, Cranston 02905

RE: Testimony in support of Building Performance Standards, Article 3 Section 15

Dear Chair Abney and members of the Committee,

My name is Joan Ramos and I live in Cranston. I am submitting testimony in support of the state benchmarking and building performance standard program proposed in Governor McKee's proposed FY 2026 budget (H5076 Article 3 Section 15). To meet our Act on Climate emissions reductions, we must take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from our large buildings. The creation of this program for state buildings is a necessary first step. It will enable the examination of energy usage, followed by the development of standards for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from Rhode Island buildings.